Announcements

Sunday November 29th, 2026

Welcome! We enjoy open seating, so please, sit where you feel comfortable, and meet a new friend.

Today's Greeters are Sue Bell and Gail Empey.

Today's Reader is Nathan Blesse.

Bible Study is Wednesdays at 10 am.

The Sanctuary will be open for Quiet Reflection this Wednesday, from 11 am to 1 pm.

Social Time and Cards for Shut-ins



Following the morning's worship service, all are welcome to come to a social time in the church hall. Thank you to Florence Inkster, Sharon Edwards, Gwen Holmes and Carol Weatherup Team for leading social time today. **Please stop by the card signing table today, so you can send some holiday cheer and Christmas love and peace to our shut-ins.**

Dates at a Glance…

November 29th	FundScrip orders due
December 6th	Cheese orders are due
December 13th	White Gift Service
December 14th, 11:30 am	UCW Christmas Lunch

Food Bank

This Sunday is Foodbank week. Please place items on the pew on the north wall. Please double-check that items are not expired. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Specially marked envelopes can be found on the back of your pew and the envelope can be placed directly onto the offering plate.
Thank you for your generosity!

FundScrip

We will be taking orders for gift cards ordered from Fundscrip this month. Forms will be available in the vestibule as well as in the narthex. You can see on the order form, the percentage that the church makes when you purchase a card. Cards include a variety of retailers. These make excellent Christmas gifts for those hard to buy for people! Orders are **due today** November 29th and you will receive the cards by December 6th. Please turn in your form and monies to the church office.

Cheese Orders

Cheese forms are out in the vestibule and the narthex. Orders are due back on **Sunday, December 6th**.

UCW Christmas Lunch

The next UCW meeting will be Monday, December 14th at 11:30 a.m. Please join us for lunch at the Newcastle Griddle. Dessert will be provided.

White Gift Sunday

Our food bank has identified a family who needs our help this Christmas. Faith in Motion will be posting gift ideas on a board in the hall. To participate, simply take one of the gift ideas off the board, purchase your item, and bring it to service on Sunday, December 13th. No need to wrap it in white, any bag or box will do. Please speak to Robin Blesse if you have questions.

Poinsettias For Advent

During the season of Advent, plants will be gracing our sanctuary. These are purchased by Wendy Thompson and placed in memory or in honour of loved ones. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary for the season, please make use of the **envelopes at the back of the church** to make your donation and to indicate who the plant is in memory or in honour of and then place the envelope on the offering plate. The list of people being honoured will be shared on the Sunday prior to Christmas and Christmas Eve.

Mission and Service Bows

Each Advent and Christmas season a beautiful Christmas tree graces our sanctuary. And each year colourful bows are added each Sunday. These bows are a part of our annual Mission and Service Bow campaign. The Mission and Service fund is The United Church of Canada's unified effort to transform lives and build a better world. The fund provides clean water, food, shelter, medical aid, community of faith support, refugee programs, and emergency aid, both in Canada and globally. The different coloured bows reflect the amount of donation that has been made. Red: $25-49; Green: $50-$74; Silver: $75-$99 and Gold: $100+. However, any amount is most welcome! Special **envelopes for bow donations are located at the back of the church** and can be placed on the offering plate.

LGBTQIA+ Community Spiritual Circle

On the last Sunday of each month, from 2 to 4 pm, a safe space is offered at Club 717 in Oshawa, 717 Wilson Rd South, Unit 17. Glenn Keefe, a United Church student minister, offers a different style of church that isn't held in a church building. The next gathering will be **today** Sunday, November 29th.

Gifts with Vision

If you are looking to start your Christmas gift shopping, check out the Gifts with Vision brochures at the back of the church. This is a giving catalogue offered by the United Church, as an alternative to conventional gifts. With Gifts with Vision, you give a gift in honour of friends or family, to support activities that are run by partners of the United Church of Canada. These gifts help create healthy places in which others may live, promote justice, provide social services, and enliven worship. The catalogue is also available at www.giftswithvision.ca.

Creating a Dementia Friendly Community

You are invited to join with Ebenezer United Church (1669 Courtice Rd) on **Thursday, December 3rd at 3 pm** when Dawn Kelles, the Community Education Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Durham Region, will offer tips and education on how we can continue to create a welcoming, inclusive and supportive community for people living with dementia. There will be resources to support people living with dementia and their care partners.

Women's Retreat

Ebenezer United Church in Courtice, is hosting a Women's Retreat on Saturday, January 16th, from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Cost is $40, lunch included. Join in and bring a friend, for a day of fun and reflection with women, along with women presenters. See posters on the bulletin boards for registration information. Register before January 3rd.



We appreciate all donations and can accept PAR, envelope givings, and e-transfer at **nucetransfer@gmail.com** using the answer "Newcastle". You can also send via Canadahelps.org **You can scan our QR code to the left to donate.** If you have any questions please contact our treasurer, Susan at 289-927-6297 or **treasurer@newcastleunitedchurch.org**

Your donations make our continued ministry possible. Thank you!

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